Session of the Representative Assembly urging the introduction of Permanent Settlement in the State.

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—Government are not prepared to give effect to the Resolution. The difficulties attending permanent settlement were already explained to the Assembly at the time of the discussion of the Resolution.

MESSRS. HOSKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, JAMMATIGE SHAMA JOIS, HONNIAH HEGGADE (Koppa Taluk).

Q.—**21.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number, the nature and the extent of defalcations that have occurred in the Electric Department in Bangalore, Sivasamudram and elsewhere, if any, within the past ten years and the total loss involved thereby together with the number of persons concerned, officers and subordinates including?

(*b*) What action was taken from time to time by Government to recover the amount and recover the losses?

(*c*) How many officers and men concerned were prosecuted in the Courts of law or otherwise dealt with departmentally as a result of these transactions?

(*d*) Was any Committee appointed to investigate these periodical occurrences, and if so, will their report and recommendations, if any, be placed on the table of this House?

(*e*) Was the Committee's recommendation fully given effect to, and if not, why not; and were all the persons involved placed before the Court, and if not, what were the extenuating circumstances that stood in the way of their prosecution?

(*f*) Was the contractor Allaudin fully paid as per his bills submitted and what stood in the way of his being placed before the Court? How long was he connected with the Department of Electricity?

(*g*) Who audited the accounts for the past ten years, and will the Auditor's reports of those shady transactions be placed on the table?

(*h*) Were the accounts audited by the officers of the Comptroller's Department, and if not, were they found wanting or disqualified to handle those accounts, and how many audits were arranged and by whom, and will these reports be made available for the information of the members of this House?

(*i*) Were not the officers of the Comptroller's Department competent to handle the accounts, and what was the necessity of engaging an Incorporated Accountant and what were the emoluments of the Accountant and for how many days or stipulated period was he engaged?

(*j*) When was the defalcation in connection with the sixth installation brought to notice, and by whom, and what safeguards have been adopted to prevent similar repetition?

(*k*) Who are the immediate superiors of the Chief Operator and what is the nature and extent of their responsibility?

(*l*) Were the installation works inspected at any time and if so, how often, by the Member of the Executive Council in charge of the Electric port-folio between the years 1920, and 1924, and was he at the time of inspection able to trace any over-measurements and over-payments, and will the Member's inspection notes of any two periods in the year 1922 be made available for the information of this House?

(*m*) Will the report of the Incorporated Accountant together with the recommendations, if any, be placed on the table of this House?

(*n*) Now that the prosecution has failed against the Chief Operator, will he be reinstated in his place, if he is not already recalled for duty?

(*o*) Were the Law Officers of the Government consulted before launching the prosecution against two of the four said to be involved in the defalcation and will such opinion or opinions, if there be more than one Law Officer, be placed on the table of this House?

(*p*) Have the Government perused the judgment of the learned District Judge in the case, and what further action does the Government intend to take with regard to the officer whose testimony is considered to be of a prevaricating nature, and will any disciplinary action be taken as regards him, in the interests of the morality and discipline of public service?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The members' attention is drawn to the replies given to these questions at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—

With reference to the above answer that the members' attention is drawn to the replies given at the last meeting of the Legislative Council, will the Government be pleased to state whether the said replies have been published?

Dewan.—

Yes. [They will also be printed in the proceedings of this Assembly.]

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—

We do not know what answers were given then and it will be a great convenience if they are supplied now to enable us to ask supplementary questions.

Dewan.—

We will give you the information and you can ask supplementary questions on its receipt. However Government are not prepared to give any more information than that already furnished at the Legislative Council.

MR. BASETTIAPPA (Channagiri Taluk).—

Q.—22. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the irrigable extent of land under the Sulekere Tank in the Channagiri Taluk?

(*b*) Whether the capacity of the tank is sufficient to irrigate the above extent, and if not, whether it is under consideration to increase the capacity?

(*c*) What is the annual income from the acreage contribution under the tank?

(*d*) What is the amount spent till now on the repairs to the channels under the tank?

(*e*) Has any attention been paid to the grievances of the raiyats under the tank in respect of water supply.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) 4,416 acres.

(*b*) The capacity of the tank is 11,994 units and is more than sufficient to irrigate the atchkat.

(*c*) About Rs. 1,855 per annum from 1921-22 to 1923-24.